

REMARKS

A Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 dated August 14, 2008 asserts that claims 217-276 are directed to two patentably distinct species of the invention. Specifically, the Restriction Requirement asserts that the application contains claims directed to Species Group 1 illustrated in Figures 1-4 and 11 and Species Group 2 illustrated in Figure 22. The Restriction Requirement further asserts that Species Group 1 relates to claims 230-239, 245-249, 259, 260 and 271-276, Species Group 2 relates to claims 217-229, 240-244, 250-258 and 261-270, and that "[c]urrently, no claim is generic". (See page 2, lines 1-3 and 10).

The Applicant respectfully traverses the indication that no claims are currently generic. Specifically, the Applicant submits that claims 250-257, 261 and 262 are generic to both of the indicated Species Groups 1 and 2.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the Applicant elects Species Group 2 illustrated in Figure 22, and submits that pending claims 217-229, 240-244, 250-258 and 261-270 are encompassed by the elected Species Group 2.

Further consideration of the present application in view of the foregoing elections is respectfully requested.

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